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*205. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in accordance with the guidelines laid down by Central Board of Excise and Customs prosecutions in excise evasion cases are normally launched immediately after adjudication proceedings are completed particularly of cigarette companies; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not launching prosecutions against M/s. ITC Limited and their Directors where adjudication was completed by the Director General of Inspection, New Delhi in April, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIRAMESHWARTHAKUR): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) Prosecutions are normally laun ched after completion of adjudication proceedings having regard to all the relevant factors; there are no spe cial provisions for the cases of ciga rette companies.

(b) A decision to launch prosecu tion against ITC has been taken. However, implementation of this de cision has been delayed on account of certain legal issues not being re solved so far, relating to determina tion of courts of competent jurisdic tion and the persons to be prosecu ted besides the company. These matters are being pursued actively.

Comprehensive Plant to cheek Population growth

*206. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAKE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' of the 18th August, 1991, regarding comprehensive plan to check population growth;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the plan;

(c) whether the State Governments will be provided additional grants for implementing the proposed family planning programmes; and

(d) if so, what are the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House .

Statement

The salient features of the comprehensive plan to check the population growth include improvement of the quality and out-reach of Family Welfare services, renewed emphasis on reduction of infant, child and maternal mortality through Universal Immunization Programme and Maternal and Child Health Care activities, greater participation of the community in the Family Welfare Programme, closer involvement of voluntary agencies and non-governmental organisation in Family Welfare activities and increasing the information, education and communication inputs for motivation of the people and for bringing about attitudinal changes for their participation in the programme.